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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 26, 1802, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Popkin, Quincy, Tudor, Turell, and T. L. Winthrop.

Judge DAVIS, Mr. EMERSON, Dr. KIRKLAND, and Mr. QUINCY were chosen a committee to superintend the publication of the ninth volume of the Society's Collections.

Voted, That Messrs. J. Q. Adams, J. Freeman, and Emerson be a committee to inquire whether the volumes of the Society's Collections which are out of print shall be reprinted.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Stephen Higginson, Jr., for the very valuable donation of books made by him to the Library.

WILLIAM BARTON was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Mr. Stephen Higginson, Jr., a Resident Member, by Dr. Kirkland.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1803.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 25, 1803, — the members present were, Bartlett, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, Fiske, J. Freeman, Harris, Homer, Kirkland, Pearson, Quincy, Spooner, Turell, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That Judge Davis, Dr. Eliot, and Dr. Dexter be a committee to consider the expediency of altering and amending the Constitution of the Society respecting the nomination of members.



Peter Thacher

The standing committee of the historical society beg leave to report
 That they ^{have} examined the state of the library and museum, and find it as good as usual. Additions have been made to both since the last meeting, on account of which the secretary will lay before you.

They are sorry to say, that the finances of the society appear to be in a disordered state, and they recommend to the society to appoint a special committee who may examine into their state, and report to the society what sums are due from the members on assessment and what methods it may be proper for the society to take to relieve themselves from their present embarrassment all which is submitted.

Peter Thacher, by order

July 23 1795

Voted, That Judge Davis, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Turell, and Mr. T. L. Winthrop be a committee to consider the expediency of establishing a museum in Boston in connection with other Societies and individuals.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to settle all arrearages due to the Society as soon as possible.

Mr. STEPHEN HIGGINSON, Jr., was chosen a Resident Member.*

The following donations have been made to the Society since the meeting of January 26, 1802 : —

For the Collections : —

Historical Account of John Eliot, the first Minister of the Church in Roxbury, by Rev. John Eliot, D.D.

Topographical and Historical Account of Marblehead, by the same.

Memoirs of Rev. Dr. Thacher, by the same.

Bill of Mortality of Middleborough, by Hon. Isaac Thomson, Esq.

Biographical Notices of Marston Watson, Esq., by Hon. John Davis, Esq.

Sketch of the Life and Character of Thomas Brattle, Esq., by Rev. John Mellen, Jr.

Character of Hon. George Richards Minot, Esq., by Rev. James Freeman.

Description of the Eastern Coast of the County of Barnstable, by the same.

Note on Falmouth, by the same.

Description of Dennis, by the same.

Note on the South Parts of Yarmouth and Barnstable, by the same.

Note on the South Precinct of Harwich, by the same.

Description of Chatham, by the same.

Description and History of Eastham, by the same.

Description of Orleans, by the same.

Description of Provincetown, by the same.

Notes on Mourt's Journal of Plantation settled at Plymouth, and on Edward

Winslow's Relation of Things Remarkable in Plymouth, by the same.

Description of Sandwich, by Wendell Davis, Esq.

Note on Wellfleet, by Rev. Levi Whitman.†

* Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., one of the original members of the Society, died Dec. 16, 1802. A memoir of him, by the Rev. John Eliot, D.D., is in Vol. VIII. of the Collections, pp. 277-284. — Eds.

† The several papers above named are printed in Vol. VIII. of the Collections. The most of them are from the pen of the Rev. James Freeman, the Recording Secretary, who, in the preceding summer or autumn, passed several weeks on Cape Cod in historical and topographical explorations. The following letter to Dr. Eliot was written during his absence : —

“PROVINCETOWN, Sept. 7, 1802.

“DEAR FRIEND, — I have passed over interesting ground to this place, and have frequently wished that you and Judge Davis were with me. I have traced

Memorandum, accompanying six small pieces of Copper found at Medford, by Hon. James Winthrop, Esq.

Specimens of the Indian Language in Nantucket, by Messrs. R. Macy and R. Mitchell.

An original Letter in Dutch to Governor Endicott, July 14, 1660. Presented by Mr. William Coffin, Jr.

An original Deed of Conveyance of the place called Pakummohquoh, east end of Nantucket, from Wenachmanak, a sachem, to Tristram Coffin and Thomas Macy, dated July, 1662. Presented by William Folger, Jr.

For the Library:—

Dr. Anderson's Life of Smollet, from the author.

Memoirs of Thomas Hollis, Esq., two volumes, 4to; Aristotle's Works, ten volumes, folio; Plato's Works; Large English Bible; Ostervald's French Bible; Diodati's Italian Bible; Spanish Bible; and Bandinelli, *Accademico Spensierato detto il Ripercosso* (MS.). From Rev. Thomas Hall and others at Leghorn.*

the footsteps of the Plymouthans, and Mourt's narrative has now no obscurity. Enthusiastic rapture, such as a true antiquarian only can feel, has several times filled my heart when I have seen how accurately every place is described. Tomorrow I begin my journey homewards, and intend to pass several days at Eastham, Orleans, and Chatham, that I may, if possible, obtain correct accounts of those towns. I have already gathered much information respecting Dennis, and a valuable paper from the records of Plymouth. As I shall be absent three Sundays, I hope you or Kirkland or Emerson will be able to preach for me.

"I am, with great affection, yours,

J. FREEMAN."

EDS.

* The following paper, on file, in the handwriting of Mr. Hall, and also a letter from him, accompanied these books:—

"We, the subscribers, desirous of promoting the interest and welfare of our country, request the Rev. Thomas Hall to lay out, in whatsoever he may think proper, the several sums which we have set down, for the benefit of the Historical Society in the town of Boston, of which he is a member.

"LEGHORN, December 31, 1801.

"THOMAS HALL	Dollars, 7.	Paid.
THOMAS WINSLOW	" 10.	"
JOHN AMORY	" 5.	"
JOHN BELKNAP	" 5.	"
THO. ENGLISH	" 5.	"
ISAAC PHILLIPS	" 5.	"
EBEN. BAKER	" 5.	"

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"A list of books purchased with the above money" then follows, corresponding to the record, with the addition of the following, which may not have come to hand: "Dell' Eneide di Virgilio del Commendatore Annibal Caro (an

- Collection of State Tracts, three volumes, folio, from Hon. Daniel Howard, Esq.
- Transactions of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, from the Society.
- Fifth volume of the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, from the Society.
- Papers of the Agricultural Society of Massachusetts, from the Society.
- Strabonis Geographia, folio, two volumes; Cluveri Geographia, 4to; Pomponius Mela de Situ Orbis; Prowse's Voyages, four volumes, with an Atlas; Pigafetta's Voyage, 1519-1522; De Lisle's Atlas; La Hontan's Voyages, two volumes; Frezier's Voyage to the South Sea; Robert's Voyage to Cape Verde; Condamine's Voyage; Gage's Survey of the West Indies; Buccaneers of America; Conquest of Florida; Description of East Florida; Adair's American Indians; Long's Travels in North America; Four volumes of Tracts concerning the American Colonies before and since the Revolution; European Settlements, two volumes; Tarleton's Campaigns; Memoirs of the English and French Commissioners concerning the Limits of Nova Scotia, 1755; Haynes's State Papers; Gazette de Lisbon, 1753; Montlosier's Journal through France and England, three volumes; Philippe de Comines, five volumes; Vertot's Revolutions of Rome, Sweden, and Portugal, five volumes; Mirabeau's History of Berlin; Morgan's History of Algiers; Hill's Dionysius; Numismata Aurea Imperii Rom.; Wise's Numismata Bodleana; and Musée de Monumens Français, &c. From Mr. Stephen Higginson, Jr.
- History of Acadie, by the Sieur Denys, Governor of that Colony, 1672; and a number of Indian Books, Deeds, &c., from the library of the late Peter Mica, an Indian of Nantucket. From Mr. Walter Folger, Jr.
- Copy in manuscript of the ancient Laws of New York, while Nantucket was under the jurisdiction of that State, from Mr. Charles Folger.
- A Book brought out of Wales in the ancient character, from Miss Lucretia Graves.
- Barton's Materia Medica, second edition, from the author.
- A Tour through Holland, from Mr. Elkanah Watson.
- Boston Orations, March 5; Emerson's Oration, July 4, 1802; and Emerson's Sermon on the Death of Dr. Thacher. From Rev. William Emerson.
- Adams's Address to Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society, and Adams's Oration delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 22, 1802, from the author.
- Burdick's Oration on the Art of Printing, from Mr. Nathaniel Willis, Jr.
- Miscellaneous Sermons, two volumes, and Defoe's Jure Divino, from Rev. John S. J. Gardiner.
- Dr. Cotton Mather's Convention Sermon, 1722, from Rufus Amory, Esq.
- Dr. Cotton Mather's and Mr. Foxcroft's Sermons on the Death of Mr. John Coney; and T. Walter's Sermon, Thursday Lecture, 1722. From John Welles, Esq.

ancient manuscript of a celebrated writer, of great rarity)." The "Bandinelli" is described as "a manuscript valuable specially for the beauty of the character, and its high preservation." — Eds.

- An Account of Connecticut Missions, 1802, from Rev. David McClure.
 Dr. Thacher's Occasional Discourses, from Peter Thacher, Esq.
 Sermons preached at Edinburgh, from 1791 to 1802, before the Society de Propaganda Fide, from Mr. Samuel Cooper Thacher.
 Bishop of Norwich's Sermon before the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge, from Mr. David West.
 Fitch's Sermon after the Earthquake, from a Friend.
 Miller's Sermon before the Missionary Society of New York, from the author.
 Strong's Election Sermon, at Hartford, 1802, from Rev. Andrew Eliot.
 Tappan's and Baldwin's Sermons on the Death of Lieutenant-Governor Phillips; T. Thacher's Sermon at Mr. Tuckerman's Ordination; and Alden's Century Sermon. From a Friend.
 Barnes's Sermon on the Death of Rev. Mr. Hawley, from Rev. Gideon Hawley.
 Convention Sermon of Rev. Peter Thacher, of Milton, 1724 (MS.), from Rev. Joseph McKean.
 American Review, published at New York, from Rev. Samuel Miller.
 Columbian Phoenix, from Messrs. B. & J. Loring.
 John Norton's Election Sermon, 1661; Sermon at the Thursday Lecture, April 2, 1663; Willard's Sermon on the Death of Lieutenant-Governor Stoughton, 1701; Stoddard on the Death of John Pinchon, Esq., 1702; and Letter of the Ministers to Sir William Ashurst concerning the Indians, 1705. From Rev. T. M. Harris.
 Census of the United States, 1800, from Rev. Dr. Cutler.
 The Lord's Prayer, in more than one hundred different languages; Warner's Attempt to ascertain the Situation of the ancient Clausentum; History of the Isle of Wight; Report of the Committee of Arts, to the First Consul, on the Antiquities of Egypt; and Red Book or List of Secret Pensions paid out of the Public Treasury of France under the late Monarchy. From Mr. William Coolidge.
 Columbian Centinel, 1802, from Major Russell.
 Boston Gazette, from Messrs. Russell & Cutler.
 Palladium, from Messrs. Young & Minns.
 Worcester Gazette, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.
 Independent Chronicle, from Messrs. Adams & Rhodes.
 Spectator, from E. Belden & Co.
 United States Oracle, from Messrs. William and Daniel Treadwell.
 Balance, from Mr. Ezra Sampson.
 Boston Weekly Magazine, from Messrs. Gilbert & Dean.

For the Cabinet:—

- Two specimens of Silver Ore, from Peru; Specimen of Gold Ore, from the mines in Grenada, South America; An incorporated Mass of Silver and Quicksilver, brought from the mint at Lima; Specimen of Platina, in grains; an ancient Peruvian Utensil, found with the bones of a native in the interior of Peru; several specimens of Peruvian Bark; a small Chart of the Province of the Viceroy of Peru, of 1792; three Silver Medals; and one Copper Medal. From Mr. James Perkins.
 Two Etruscan Stone Coffins, whose antiquity can be traced back above

three thousand years, and a Jewish Shekel, from Rev. Thomas Hall, of Leghorn.

A Suit of Clothes belonging to Dr. Franklin, and worn by him when he signed the Treaty of Alliance. From Mr. Elkanah Watson, of New York.*

Indian Stone Pipe, imitating the human form, from Mr. Daniel Tuttle.

The Barbarosa, or Indian Hog, from William Parsons, Esq.

A White Otter, from Passamaquoddy, very rare in this country, from Messrs. Henry Bass & Co.

* These clothes, made of silk, evidently of French manufacture, are in one of the cabinets, or show-cases, of the Society. On a parchment tag attached to them Mr. Watson has written the following:—

“This may certify that in the year 1781, being at Paris, in France, the celebrated Mrs. Wright executed for me an excellent likeness in wax of the immortal Dr. Benjamin Franklin. Dining with her at the Doctor’s, in Passy, and on comparing the heads, I suggested that such a head deserved a suit of his own clothes, on which he rang for his servant, directing him to bring the suit he wore (hereunto annexed) in the year of signing the famous Treaty of Alliance between France and America, in February, 1778.

“ELKANAH WATSON.”

It will be observed that Mr. Watson does not say that these clothes were worn by Franklin “when he signed the Treaty of Alliance,” but in that year. But the Society appear to have misinterpreted his certificate. In a subsequent letter of Mr. Watson, dated “Albany, 14th April, 1803,” written to Judge Sullivan in reply to a letter of acknowledgment, he says:—

“I am honored with your polite favor of the 6th instant. I have no doubt posterity will contemplate with rapture the clothes worn by the immortal Franklin in the YEAR he signed the Treaty with France.

“I beg you will please to note in my certificate [that] the fact of his wearing these clothes related to the YEAR, not the precise time, he signed that celebrated instrument, which has and will lead to consequences which will probably affect the whole human race eventually.

“I wish I could have added to it an inimitable head of wax in which I had it dressed when in Europe, well known to Benj. Austin, Esq., — Brewster, and several other gentlemen of Boston.”

In the Memoirs of Mr. Watson, written by himself, he particularly refers to the subject of the wax head of Franklin and the clothes. “I employed Mrs. W.,” he says, “to make the head of Franklin, which was often the source of much amusement to me. After it was completed, we both were invited to dine with Franklin, and I conveyed her to Passy in my carriage, she bearing the head in her lap. No sooner in presence of the Doctor, than she had placed one head by the side of the other. ‘There,’ she exclaimed, ‘are twin brothers.’ The likeness was truly admirable; and, at the suggestion of Mrs. Wright, to give it more effect, Franklin sent me a suit of silk clothes which he wore in 1778. Many years afterward, the head was broken in Albany, and the clothes I presented to the Historical Society of Massachusetts.” See *Men and Times of the Revolution*, second edition, 1857, p. 140; *Proceedings of the Society*, for February, 1878, p. 50. — Eds.

Shells found in digging a well at Nantucket, from forty-eight to fifty-two feet in the earth from Mr. Elisha Macy.

A Centipede, from Bengal, preserved in spirits, from Mr. Obed. Macy.

Specimen of Ore found near a chalk cliff in the county of Hants, Great Britain, from Mr. William Coolidge.

A Giant Clam, weighing four hundred and seventeen pounds, from Mr. Josiah Waters, Jr.

Mezzotinto Prints of Dr. Jonathan Mayhew, from Mr. James Green.

A valuable collection of Curiosities, from the north-west coast of America, from Mr. Ebenezer Dorr, Jr.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1803.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 26, 1803, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Eliot, Emerson, Kirkland, Turell, and T. L. Winthrop.

No business was done.

ADJOURNED MEETING.*

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, June 15, 1803, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, J. Davis, Dexter, Emerson, J. Freeman, Higginson, Homer, Kirkland, Morse, Pemberton, Popkin, Quincy, Spooner, James Sullivan, William Sullivan, Turell, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

* Though this is not called the adjourned annual meeting, it must be regarded as such. — EDS.

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	„	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	„	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	„	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	„	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	„	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP	} were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.
WILLIAM TUDOR		
REDFORD WEBSTER		
JOHN DAVIS		
WILLIAM EMERSON		

Voted, That Messrs. J. Q. Adams, Emerson, and W. Sullivan be a committee to settle with the late Treasurer, receive the books, accounts, and moneys due to the Society, and transfer them to the new Treasurer.

Voted, That Judge Davis, Dr. Eliot, and Dr. Dexter, the committee appointed in January of the present year “to consider the expediency of altering and amending the Constitution of the Society respecting the nomination of members” be requested to sit, and report at the meeting in August.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a museum in Boston be discharged.

Voted, That Messrs. J. Q. Adams, J. Freeman, and Emerson, the committee appointed in October, 1802, “to inquire whether the volumes of the Society’s Collections which are out of print shall be reprinted,” be authorized to devise a more expedient mode than those which have been hitherto adopted, of publishing the Collections of the Society.

Dr. MORSE was added to this Committee.

Nomination: Mr. Ebenezer Grant Marsh, Tutor, of Yale College, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Emerson.

SPECIAL MEETING.*

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Sept. 1, 1803, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, Bentley, G. Bradford, D. Davis, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Prince, Quincy, James Sullivan, Tudor, Turell, and T. L. Winthrop.

A letter from Mr. John Vaughan, accompanying a donation of books being read, it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary write to Mr. Vaughan a letter of thanks for his generous donation.

The Committee appointed to inquire whether the volumes of the Society's Collections which are out of print shall be reprinted, reported that they had entered into an agreement with Messrs. Hall & Hiller, and that the following is the agreement on the part of the said Hall & Hiller: —

“Hall & Hiller agree to reprint the first three volumes of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and to give a volume of this intended edition for a volume of the edition printed by Samuel Hall, which the Society has now on hand, the Society making the customary allowance for the difference in the size of the type, and at the same rate for as many volumes of the proposed edition as the Society may want for their members or donations. The remainder Hall & Hiller agree to buy at the price they cost the Society.

* There seems to have been great irregularity in the holding of the meetings this year. The quarterly meetings for August and October are omitted. The meetings for June and September may have been regarded as taking their places, though no rules exist for such substitution. We have designated the September meeting as a “special meeting.” — EDS.

Said Hall & Hiller agree to pay for the volumes they shall purchase of the Society within three months after they shall have complete sets for delivery. Proposals shall be very speedily issued, and the work commenced as soon as a competent number of subscribers appear to defray the expense.

(Signed) "HALL & HILLER.

"BOSTON, June 30, 1803."

And that the following is the agreement on the part of the Committee:—

"The Committee of the Historical Society authorized to effect the reprinting of the volumes of the Society's Collections which are out of print, and to devise a more expedient mode than that hitherto adopted, of publishing the said Collections, do agree with Messrs. Hall & Hiller in manner following:—

"On Messrs. Hall & Hiller's reprinting the first three volumes of the said Collections, they shall receive from the Society, in exchange for so many sets of the said reprinted volumes as the Society shall require, an equal number of volumes of those the Society have on hand, exceeding their own wants, the Society making the customary allowance for the difference in the size of the type. The said Messrs. Hall & Hiller shall receive also from the Society all the remaining volumes now on hand of the Society, and to be paid for within three months after they shall have complete sets for delivery. And the copyright of the Society to the said volumes heretofore published, and by this agreement to be reprinted, shall be, and is hereby, in consideration of the premises, sold and transferred to the said Messrs. Hall & Hiller.

(Signed) "JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,
JAMES FREEMAN,
WILLIAM EMERSON, } Committee.

"BOSTON, July 21, 1803."

Thereupon,

Voted, That the agreement of the Committee with Messrs. Hall & Hiller be ratified and confirmed by the Society.

The Committee chosen at the last meeting to settle with the late Treasurer, reported that they had received from him the books, accounts, and moneys due to the Society, and that they had transferred them to the new Treasurer.*

* Judge Tudor had been Treasurer of the Society from its organization, with the exception of three years, 1796 to 1799, when the office was filled by Judge Minot. The loss of the first account-book, as stated in a previous note, p. 34, renders it impossible to trace in detail the financial history of the Society during this period. But a partial insight into its financial condition can be obtained from memoranda in the Treasurer's files. The earliest of these is an account drawn up previously to the second meeting, and is here printed:—

"DR. *The Historical Society with* WILLIAM TUDOR [*their Treasurer*]. CR.

1791.	1791.
Jan. 25. To Cash paid for an ac-	Jan. 24. By Cash of Hon. James
count-book . . . £0 5 9	Sullivan, Esq. . . . £1 10 0
	By do. of William Tudor . 1 10 0
	Feb. 20. By do. of Rev. James Free-
	man 1 10 0
	April 5. By do. of Mr. Thos. Wall-
	cut, for the life subscrip-
	tion 9 0 0
	7. By do. of Rev. John Eliot . 1 10 0
	£14 0 0
	8. By do. of Mr. Winthrop . 1 10 0
	By do. of Rev. P. Thacher . 1 10 0
	£17 0 0 "

It will be observed that there is an error of £1 in the addition, and that the payment by Mr. Wallcut amounted to \$30, instead of \$34, as was provided for in the By-Laws. Dr. Belknap set a price on a portion of the books which he delivered to the Society, "with a view to make up the sum of thirty-four dollars, as his life subscription." (See p. 17.) The date of the payment of the admission fees of Judge Minot and Mr. Baylies does not appear. In the payment of the life subscriptions of Mr. Wallcut and Dr. Belknap, their admission fees appear to have been silently remitted.

In a memorandum, drawn up in January, 1794, it is stated that "from 25th January, 1791, to 9th January, 1794," various accounts had been paid, to the amount of £40 11s. 10d., and the "cash received of the members during said period amounted to £59 12s."

At the meeting in November, 1795, a committee was appointed "to audit the

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering the Constitution of the Society as respects the nomination of Resident Members, reported that all future nominations be made by the President and the Standing Committee, such nominations to be one meeting at least previous to the balloting by the Society.*

Voted, That this Report be accepted, and the Constitution of the Society is altered accordingly.

Treasurer's accounts, and report a state of them at the quarterly meeting in January." In accordance with this vote, an elaborate statement was prepared, showing the "balances due the Society from the members for assessments and entry money to Dec. 31, 1795." (See p. 90.) These amounted to \$171, and there was a sum of \$200 due from Thomas & Andrews. The debts due by the Society amounted to \$162.70, leaving a balance in its favor at that time of \$208.30.

Jan. 27, 1796, there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$38.43, and the indebtedness of the members had been reduced to \$117.

Among other memoranda, of various degrees of interest, belonging to this period, is the original subscription paper, prepared in accordance with a vote of the Society, Nov. 18, 1796 (see p. 102), which is here printed:—

"For the use of the Historical Society, and for the benefit of the cause of science, we, the subscribers, will pay the sums annexed to our names, as our several proportions of *fifty dollars*, for the purchase of Des Barres's Maps of the Coast of America:—

"JAMES SULLIVAN	Ten dollars.
A. DEXTER	Ten dollars.
WM. SPOONER	Ten dollars.
JAMES PERKINS	Ten dollars.
JOSIAH QUINCY	Ten dollars.

"November 18, 1796."

At the foot of the paper is the following receipt:—

"Received of Jeremy Belknap, in behalf of the Historical Society, *fifty dollars*, in full for three volumes of maps. BENJ. LARKIN.

"Jan. 23, 1797."

Attached to this paper is another, in the handwriting of Dr. Belknap, as follows:—

"We, the subscribers, promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Massachusetts

* On a revision of the By-Laws, adopted at the October meeting in 1857, the nomination of all foreign as well as resident members was placed in the hands of the Standing Committee. — Eds.

Voted, That Messrs. Kirkland and Eliot be a committee to procure the reprinting of the catalogue of the books belonging to the Society, and that the number shall not exceed five hundred.

Voted, That the summer quarterly meeting of the Society shall in future be holden on the Tuesday preceding Commencement.

Mr. EBENEZER GRANT MARSH was chosen a Corresponding Member. (He died on the 16th of November, 1803.)

Nomination: R. Watson, D.D., Bishop of Llandaff, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Bentley.*

Historical Society the sums annexed to our several names, for the benefit of the Society:—

“(True copy.)

BOSTON, Nov. 18, 1796.

	JAMES SULLIVAN . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	A. DEXTER	Ten dollars.	10.
	WM. SPOONER . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	JOHN CLARKE . . .	Five dollars.	5.
	JAMES FREEMAN . .	Five dollars.	5.
	JAMES PERKINS . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	JEREMY BELKNAP . .	Five dollars.	5.
	PETER THACHER . .	Five dollars.	5.
Paid in American Atlas.	JOHN ELIOT	Five dollars.	5.
	JOSIAH QUINCY . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	JEDEDIAH MORSE . .	Five dollars.	5.
	JOHN T. KIRKLAND . .	Five dollars.	5.
	EZEKIEL PRICE . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	DANIEL DAVIS . . .	Five dollars.	5.
	P. COFFIN, Jr. . . .	Five dollars.	5.
	WM. WETMORE . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	GEO. R. MINOT . . .	Five dollars.	5.”

The last four names are autographic signatures. The other names are in the handwriting of Dr. Belknap, who has added this explanatory note: “Those marked with red subscribed particularly for the maps, as appears by the other paper annexed.”

There are also numerous accounts of the receipt and disbursement of small sums by the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Librarian, approved by the Standing Committee, and settled by the Treasurer.—Eds.

* William Fiske, chosen a member in April, 1797, died Aug. 13, 1803. A notice of him, by James Winthrop, is in Vol. IX. of the Collections, pp. 206, 207.—Eds.